

**New Jersey State Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council**  
**September 08, 2003**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Waxler called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

The minutes for the June 2003 New Jersey State Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council Meeting were approved.

Dr. Waxler called forward Dr. Sol Nevins to present him with a gift for his tenure as Chair of the council.

**CMS UPDATE-**

*DR. SOL NEVINS / DR. JOHN BRENNAN*

- Fee schedule is implemented.

**MICU FUTURE PLANNING**

*DR. JENNIFER WAXLER*

LMA Program

- LMA Pilot program was suspended;
- Elliot Justin to tweak program and retrain all currently trained pilot program participants. Once trained, submit to OEMS and place program back into effect;
- LMA discussion and census taken from Medical Director meeting. Most Medical Directors agree that the LMA could become a BLS skill;
- Some barriers have been noted, both on the BLS and ALS side. There was a discussion on the best approach to remove opposition and increase education;
- Dr. William Gluckman to chair sub-committee to draft training and education requirements for LMA, along with standardized run and reporting sheets for Statewide implementation;
- This will be for a State wide initiative, volunteers are being accepted, contact Dr. Gluckman.

## EPI-PEN

- Adult and pediatric protocol are written and will be the standard;
- Any agency willing to utilize the EPI-PEN will be required to have a Medical Director. Medical Direction should be in the form of an Emergency Physician and will be responsible for training the providers within that agency;
- A standardized run sheet will be used for quality assurance control.

## Pilot programs and research

- Dr. Melnick to re-convene a committee to establish policy and procedure for initiating pilot programs and pre-hospital research. All future research will have specific guidelines as to the process of approval, start date, end date, and will present data at quarterly meetings.

## **MEDICATIONS/DEVICES**

*DR. WILLIAM GLUCKMAN*

## Retavase research at Hunterdon

- Dr. Justin presented his data set up to current day;
- Discussion ensued regarding numbers and results including the small patient population;
- Motion made to place thrombolytics on optional list for treatment of Myocardial Infarction, motion carried. Thrombolytics to be added are Retavase and TNK.

## Mark – 1 kit's

- Dr. Gluckman to incorporate changes to policy and be distributed at next meeting;
- Self-Preservation – MICU's are suggested to have 3 kits per person on vehicle;
- Policy will be available on the OEMS web site for reference to any person that may need educational guidelines for mark-1 training.

### Intraosseous in adults

- A motion was made to include Intraosseous usage in adult patients Tibal sites only at this time, motion carried and approved. Needle delivery device up to Medical Director.

### **STANDING ORDERS**

*DR. LARRY DESROCHERS*

### Narrow Complex Tachycardia- stable patient

- The proposed regulations do not include the treatment of A-fib/flutter. Modification would direct Adenosine for stable SVT and Cardizem 0.25mg/kg for stable A-fib/flutter, then contact medical command;
- Dr. Waxler announced that Dr. Marc Wellburn will replace Dr. DesRochers as standing orders committee head.

### **LEGISLATION**

*DR. DAVID SCHRECK*

- “Danielle’s law” passed. Care givers of persons with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injuries must contact 911 when potential life-threatening situations arise;
- New “211” number legislation was introduced, currently in sub-committee. Number will allow residents to ask medical questions or receive medical information at no charge;
- S-2275 and S-2702, both bills have a possible revenue collection route for MICU’s to collect on patient care;
- S-3708 establishes a commission to collect bad debt for hospitals. State gets a 50% cut of all collected revenue;
- A-3536 legislation currently in Health and Human Services committee requires all patient care staff to wear photo ID badges.

### **EMS COUNCIL**

*DR. JIM PRUDEN*

### Blue Ribbon Panel

- A presentation of three scenario models given from Blue Ribbon Panel meetings. The model presented contained 3 plans to change the EMS system in New Jersey include mild, moderate, or extreme levels;
- Dr. Pruden expressed concerns from Dr. Steve Markus of NJ PIES with regard to the increase in accidental injection of non-prescribed Epi-Pen. Dr. Markus wanted to emphasize the need for a solid training program.

#### **NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS**

*Mr. Tom Starr*

No report

#### **JEMSTAR PROGRAM**

*DR. JOSEPH HUMMEL*

No report

#### **OEMS**

*MS. KAREN HALUPKE*

##### Regulations

- Proposed regulations are in the review process. We have received a large number of comments and each comment is being reviewed and a response sent.

##### Office

- New staff, Jeff Egnatovich and Candace Gardner in Education  
Jim Sweeney in Enforcement;
- Quakerbridge Road Field office established. Days of operation are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. New vehicles are brought to Mercerville for inspections; MICUs will continue to contact OEMS for inspection.
- Statistics and year end reports;
- Electronic data set is in draft form. Electronic charting committee being formed to review electronic charting format. Committee will meet and chose a program which can receive data from communication centers and send information to remote billing data collection point allowing dynamic data availability from the web.

## **EDUCATION**

*Mr. Robert Dinetz*

- Meeting with Didactic coordinators; all four programs are performing well, the newest program out of Jersey City in cooperation with Hudson County Community College looks like an excellent resource when established.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Medical Examiners Office sent letters to police departments concerning field pronouncements. The M.E. Office informed the police departments that MICU's should perform field pronouncements. Ms. Halupke verified that pronouncements are only to be done at the discretion of the MICU project and never is a vehicle to go out of service to perform a pronouncement. Follow up with Medical Examiners office will be conducted by OEMS.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

December 9, 2003  
New Jersey Hospital Association  
Princeton, New Jersey

### **2004 Dates**

March 8, 2004  
June 14, 2004  
September 13, 2004  
December 13, 2004

### **Motions**

- Add Retavase and TNK to optional medication list, motion carried;
- Include adult Intraosseous access, Tibial site only. Access device utilized is Medical Director discretion, motion carried.